

National Qualifications



Comparing Sources

They are easy to spot because they are the only question you will be doing that will refer to two sources.

These are questions that asks you to Compare the views of two given sources about . . . (4 marks)

You must interpret the evidence and make direct comparisons between sources.

You are expected to compare content directly on a point-by-point basis.

To gain marks for this question of 4 marks:

A simple comparison will indicate what points they agree or disagree about and should be given **1 mark**.

A developed comparison will also be supported by specific references to each source and should be given **2 marks in total**.

The Question

Compare the views of Sources A and B
about..... (4 marks)

Step 1

Read the question then the source and decide if they agree or disagree on the given topic.

Step 2

Next decide what the sources agree or disagree on - if possible highlight the relevant quotes in the sources

Step 3

Give an opening sentence to your first point of comparison.

Next give the relevant quote from both sources to show how the sources agree/disagree.

Repeat these steps on another point of agreement/disagreement to get full marks.

How to set out your answer

Introductory sentence which answers the question:

Source A and B agree / disagree / partly agree about _____

Comparing points (Use these type of statements)

Source A and B agree / disagree about _____. Source A says
_____ **whereas**(if they disagree)/**likewise**(if they agree) Source B
says_____

Also, Source A and B agree / disagree about _____. Source A says
_____ **whereas**(if they disagree)/**likewise**(if they agree)Source B says

Concluding Sentence (not needed but good to do if time allows)

Therefore the two sources agree / disagree / both agree and disagree about
_____.

Example Answer

Source A is from the Lanercost Chronicle. It describes the attack on Berwick 1296.

King Edward tried to persuade the head men of Berwick to surrender and promised not to harm them or their possessions. They laughed at him and gave no reply. They kept him waiting for three days. When King Edward came to them on the fourth day, they increased their insults. The pride of these traitors was humbled and, almost without use of force, the city was occupied.

Source B is from the Chronicle of Guisborough. It describes the attack on Berwick in 1296.

The King ordered his men to sound their bugles and to enter the city. While the bugles blared, they quickly crossed the wall which the Scots had made from wooden stakes. They came upon the enemy and killed everywhere, right up to the sea. The Scots were astonished at their entry and not one of them was able to fight.

Compare the views of **Source A** and **Source B** about the attack on Berwick?

(4)

(Introduction)

Source A and B disagree about the attack on Berwick.

(Comparison)

Source A and B disagree about how Berwick was taken. (1) **Source A** says that Edward gave the Scots three days to surrender and finally attacked when insulted by the Scots, **whereas Source B says** that Edward ordered his men to sound bugles and then entered the city taking the Scots by surprise who were astonished. (1)

Source A and B disagree about how the Scots were treated during the attack. (1)

Source A says that Edward promised not to harm them or their possessions, **whereas Source B says** that Edward's army came upon the enemy and killed everywhere. (1)

(Conclusion)

Therefore the two sources greatly disagree about Edward's attack on Berwick.